

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE MAYOR
AND BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF BOONEVILLE
SEPTEMBER 18, 2012**

BE IT REMEMBERED that the regular meeting of the Mayor and Board of Alderman of the City of Booneville, Mississippi was held on Tuesday, September 18, 2012, at the City Hall at 7:00 p.m., the time and place for said meeting.

Those in attendance were the following members of the Board: Alderman David Bolen, Alderman Harold Eaton, Alderman Wilda Pounds, Alderman Jeff Williams, and Alderman Mark McCoy. Also, present were Daniel K. Tucker, City Attorney, Lavaile Shields, City Clerk, and several City employees and visitors. The meeting was called to order in open session by Mayor Eaton and a quorum was declared present.

The invocation was given by City Attorney Daniel K. Tucker.

The pledge of allegiance was led by Alderman Wilda Pounds.

There first came on for consideration, the request to approve the consent agenda. The items on the consent agenda were as follows:

(1) To approve the minutes of the September 4, 2012, and September 10, 2012, board meetings;

(2) To approve the letter of resignation for Angie Donald Tollison, effective September 21, 2012

(3) To approve the payment to Rails and Trails in the amount of \$7,500.00.

Alderman Pounds made a motion to approve the items on the consent agenda, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to appoint Talmadge Finch, as a Booneville Housing Authority Board Member. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman David Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the minutes of the Planning Board of September 16, 2012. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to open the bids for the demolition and removal of the debris on property located at 506 North Lake Street. Alderman Bolen made a motion to give Tonya Bell an additional thirty (30) days to move the trailer, with the condition that she mows the property within the week. Alderman Williams seconded said motion, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to open bids for the demolition,

hauling off of debris and the clean up of property located at 106 Terry Street. Three (3) bids were received. Breedlove Brothers bid \$2,390.00. Eddie Allen bid \$2,500.00. Burns Dozer bid \$3,950.00. Alderman Williams made a motion to accept the bid of Breedlove Brothers for \$2,390.00, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

There next came on for consideration, hearings on the clean up of property.

The first property was located at 103 Cedar Street. Ronnie Johnson stated that this property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman McCoy made a motion to give the property owners thirty (30) days to make progress on the clean up of said property, with mowing to take place within the next week. Alderman Pounds seconded said motion, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

The next property was located at 104 Jumper Circle. Ronnie Johnson stated that this property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Harold Eaton made a motion to give the property owners thirty (30) days to make progress on the clean up of said property, with mowing and securing the building to take place within the next week. Alderman McCoy seconded said motion, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

The next property was located 201 Jumper Circle. Ronnie Johnson stated that this property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Bolen made a motion to take bids to demolish, haul off, and clean the lot, with said work to be completed within thirty (30) days. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

The next property was located at 1304 South Lake Street. Ronnie Johnson stated that this property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Mr. Frost from the L. E. Frost Estate did appear and did state that he was going to tear down the structure and clean up the property. Alderman McCoy made a motion to give Mr. Frost an additional thirty (30) days to make progress toward tearing down the property, but that he needed to mow and clean up the property within the next week. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

The next property was located at 119 Bell Avenue. Ronnie Johnson stated that this property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Williams made a motion to give the property owner an additional thirty (30) days to make progress toward tearing down the property, but that the property

owner needed to mow and board up the property within the next week. Said motion was seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye," the motion carried.

The next four (4) properties were for mowing and cleaning up only.

The first property was located at 200 Foster Park. Ronnie Johnson stated that this property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Bolen made a motion to take quotes to have this property mowed and cleaned up immediately. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next property was located at 208 Westover Heights. Ronnie Johnson stated that this property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman Bolen made a motion to take quotes to have this property mowed and cleaned up immediately. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The next property was located at 113 Terry Street. Ronnie Johnson stated that this property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman McCoy made a motion to take quotes to have this property mowed and cleaned up immediately. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

The last property was located at 1401 West College Street. Ronnie Johnson stated that this property in its current condition was a menace to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community. Alderman McCoy made a motion to take quotes to have this property mowed and cleaned up immediately. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on before the Board, a report on the clean up progress on the property located at 1202 North College Street, belonging to George Estell. Ronnie Johnson made a report that Mr. Estell had made good progress and continued to make progress. Ronnie Johnson requested to give Mr. Estell additional time. Alderman McCoy made a motion to give Mr. Estell an additional two (2) weeks to determine if progress was still being made. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on before the Board, a report on the clean up progress on the property located at 102 Ninth Street, belonging to Kathie Walden. Ronnie Johnson made a report that Ms. Walden had made good progress and continued to make progress. Ronnie Johnson requested to give Ms. Walden additional time. Alderman Pounds made a motion to give Ms. Walden an additional two (2) weeks to determine if progress was still being made. Said

motion was seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, Derrick Stevenson with the Booneville Fire Department, giving an update on the NFPA Hybrid Car Classes he had recently taken.

Next, Fire Chief Jerry Wallace reported to the Board that Engine 206 was down and that there was empella damage which would require additional costs. This needed to be repaired, so that once the machine was certified, we could probably get an additional five (5) years of service out of this vehicle.

There next came on for consideration, the request to ratify the gas rate at \$12.55 per MCF. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, to ratify the new gas rate, effective September 30, 2012, at \$11.50 per MCF. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Billy Joe Spencer with the Gas & Water Department, requesting that Mike Cain be promoted to Customer Service Technician, and an increase in pay at .50¢ per hour, effective September 22, 2012. Alderman Harold Eaton made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to send unclaimed meter deposits to the Mississippi Treasury Office, under the unclaimed property statute. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman McCoy, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the preliminary charge off of unpaid bills in the amount of \$20,181.19. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Williams, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, Police Chief Michael Ramey, requesting the City to approve the interlocal agreement between Booneville Police Department, and the North Mississippi Narcotic Unit. Alderman McCoy made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request by Chief Ramey, requesting that he, Carolyn Jones, and Chris Shadburn attend the Fall 911 Training Conference in Tunica, Mississippi, from October 14, 2012, to October 17, 2012, with the costs to include tuition,

lodging, and meals, totaling \$1,905.00, which would be reimbursable. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to declare surplus items, to be sent to the County auction, with a reserve to be placed on the tractor at \$10,000.00, the bush hog at \$1,000.00, and the trencher for \$1,000.00. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the website proposal at \$590.00 for the web design and monthly maintenance fee of \$35.00 per month. Alderman Bolen made said motion, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request to approve the Booneville Middle School Band Program Ad, with one-half page costing \$50.00, with said ad promoting the City of Booneville, Mississippi. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came on for consideration, the request approve the quotes placed by Jimmy Russell, to remove the trees on Parkwood, and the trees on Lake Street. The costs to cut the trees on Parkwood would be \$250.00 and to haul off the debris would be \$225.00 for a total of \$475.00. The costs to cut the tree on Lake Street would be \$300.00 and removal of the debris would be \$200.00 for a total of \$500.00. Alderman McCoy made a motion to approve the quotes, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

There next came before the Board, the Board Report. The Board reported the following:

- (1) Alderman Pounds complimented the City of Booneville Schools for receiving

the High Performing School Award, and receiving the award of being the among the top 10% in the State of Mississippi.

(2) Alderman Harold Eaton reported that we needed to check into placing emergency 911 numbers on the houses that would make it easier for emergency services, to identify properties.

There next came before the Board, the Mayor's Report. The Mayor reported the following:

(1) Mayor Eaton reported that he would be signing a proclamation declaring October as reconciliation month, as part of the Mission Mississippi movement for racial reconciliation within the State.

(2) He reported that on September 19, 2012, at 1:30 p.m. at Northeast Mississippi Community College, there would be a program honoring Wade Lambert, as part of a dedication of the by-pass in his honor.

There next came on for consideration, the request to go into closed session to determine if executive session was needed. Alderman Pounds made said motion, seconded by Alderman Bolen, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

While in closed session, it was determined that an executive session was needed. Said motion was made by Alderman Pounds, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Alderman Bolen made a motion to come out of executive session, seconded by Alderman Pounds, and with all members of the Board present and voting "Aye", the motion unanimously carried.

Back in open session, it was announced that a personnel matter had been discussed. Alderman Pounds made a motion not to accept the request of Angie Donald Tollison for a part-time status and requested that position be posted for immediately. Said motion was seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting

“Aye”, the motion unanimously carried.

There being no further business, Alderman Bolen made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by Alderman Harold Eaton, and with all members of the Board present and voting “Aye”, the motion unanimously carried.



JOE EATON, MAYOR

ATTEST:



LAVAILE SHIELDS, CITY CLERK